GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF ART AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government promote and expand Art and Culture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(c) the details of the activities undertaken by the Cultural Centres during 2006-07, State-wise; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by various Cultural Centres during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c): The Ministry of Culture has a number of schemes for promotion of art and culture viz.

i) Financial assistance to Professional Groups and individuals for Specified Performing Art Projects, ii) Financial Assistance to Cultural Organisations for Construction of Building/ Purchase of Equipments, iii) Financial assistance for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/ Folk Arts and Culture, iv) Scholarship to Young Artists, v) Senior/Union fellowship to Outstanding Artists.

Besides the above, various institutions, Akademies and Zonal Cultural Centres are contributing towards promotion of art and culture.

Under the above schemes and through the institutions, large number of individuals and organizations are assisted every year to pursue action in the field of art and culture.

There are 7 Zonal Cultural Centers, which were set up with the objectives of protecting and promoting folk arts in the country.

To achieve this objective, Zonal Cultural Centres implement the following Schemes:

(i) National Cultural Exchange Programme,(ii) Documentation, (iii) Guru Shishya Parampara, (iv) Theatre Rejuvenation (v) Young Talented Artist.

(d); The details of allocated and expenditure incurred by various Cultural Centres for the year 2006-2007 is placed in Annexure I.